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**THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006
EAST NORWALK LIBRARY**

ATTENDANCE: David Brown, Chair; Paul Coggin; Timothy Plunkett

STAFF: George Leary, District Manager

OTHERS: Diane Cece, Olmstead Place; Steve Orris; Carlis Sead

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Cece spoke in support of the Survivor Health Insurance item and for the meter reading and control study.

Mr. Sead spoke about his concern over the rising electric rates.

Mr. Coggin said that he submitted seven agenda items, but only one made it to the agenda. He requested that the Commission caucus on this issue. Mr. Brown said that he provided Mr. Coggin answers to his questions.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

DECEMBER 19, 2005

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED
WITH THE ADDITION OF THE TIME THAT THE COMMISSIONERS
CAME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- ** MR. COGGIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DECEMBER 22, 2005

The following corrections were made to the minutes:

Page 1 – correct spelling to allegedly

Page 3 – second paragraph add the following: “to allow him days off with pay”

Fourth paragraph – Mr. Chariott informed the Commission that Mr. Mitchell acknowledged that ...

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- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED**
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND OPERATING REPORTS

Mr. Leary reviewed his written report.

Mr. Coggin expressed his thanks and recognition of the efforts of Mr. Leary and Mr. Brown regarding the Treatment Plan Generator Replacement proposal.

The Commissioners discussed how to improve the return on investments.

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW MR. ORRIS TO MAKE A COMMENT**
- ** MR. COGGIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Orris spoke about investment options.

Mr. Leary will schedule a meeting with the Trustee to explain the investments. In addition he will invite other money managers to meet with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners reviewed the financial statements that outlined the last six months of 2005.

Mr. Leary said that there was a snafu with the holiday lighting contest. The photo of the house that appeared in the flyer was not the house that entered and won the contest. The resident pointed this out. For her honesty, the Commissioners decided to award her with a second place prize.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL SECOND PLACE PRIZE FOR A CLERICAL ERROR ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2005 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST**
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

AUDIT REPORT FY 04-05

Mr. Leary distributed the audit report as prepared by Hope and Hernandez. Mr. Coggin pointed out typographical errors and requested that they include an introductory letter.

The audit will be made available on the District's website and at the Annual Meeting.

SURVIVOR HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Leary explained that Mr. Westberg who retired in January 1976 recently passed away. He asked the Commissioners if they would consider extending Mrs. Westberg's health insurance coverage for two months to give her time to make some decisions regarding her coverage.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO EXTEND MRS. WESTBERG'S EXISTING COVERAGE TO MARCH 31, 2006 AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO MRS. WESTBERG**
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Brown said that this is the first request of its kind. In the future they will take any requests on a case by case basis.

- ** MR. COGGIN MOVED TO ALLOW MRS. WESTBERG THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN ON THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PROVIDED THAT SHE PAY THE FULL COST OF THE PREMIUM INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT ON HER BEHALF EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2006**
- ** MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

METER READING AND CONTROL STUDY

Mr. Leary said that an engagement proposal was included in the packet. He said that the cost to conduct a study would be \$15,000; however, they do not have the staff resources to provide the required information.

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM**
- ** MR. COGGIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNCIL

Mr. Brown suggested that Mr. Leary attend the annual meeting. Mr. Coggin said that he would rather get someone on board and have them attend the annual meeting.

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Mr. Dennin distributed proposals to the Commissioners.

Mr. Brown said that he would like to find someone without political ties.

Mr. Leary will provide a list of applicants to the Commissioners for their review and they will provide him with their top choices.

STEP 2 GRIEVANCE APPEALS

Mr. Leary said that there were two Step 2 Grievance Appeals scheduled for tonight. Ms. Saunders withdrew her appeal.

Ms. Dennison did not provide the information that was requested by the Commissioners. The request of the union is to deny her grievance.

Mr. Plunkett said that he did not want to deny her grievance without having more information. Mr. Coggin said that he feels that Ms. Dennison's failure to submit the information as requested constitutes a withdrawal of her grievance.

Mr. Brown said that he was not sure if that was correct, but said that he can't deny something that he does not understand.

Mr. Plunkett said that they can only assume that Ms. Dennison withdrew her grievance since she did not provide the information by January 10, 2006 as requested.

Mr. Leary will write a letter to Ms. Dennison stating that the Commissioners consider her grievance withdrawn since she did not provide the information as requested by January 10, 2006.

ANNUAL MEETING AND DISTRICT BUDGET

The next regular meeting of the Third Taxing District will take place on February 21, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services